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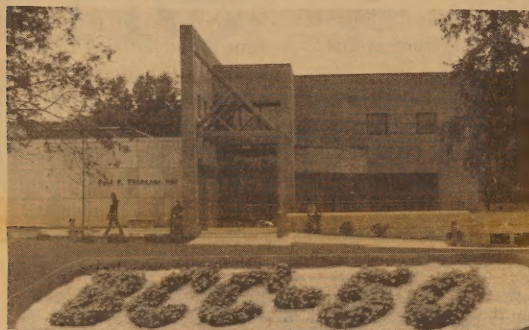
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Broome Community  
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## 50 YEARS!

### Then & Now

by: Carrie Harrington and  
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## Jubilee Weekend

by: Joe Munson

Broome Community College is holding its Jubilee Weekend October 4th through the 6th to celebrate 50 years of educating the community. The celebration is taking place on the BCC campus and will include performances, arts and crafts, a car show, and free mini classes for the community to take part in.

The college is throwing this party to celebrate 50 years of excellence in education, and to give something back to the community. "Jubilee Weekend will be our birthday present back to the community," said Charles Quagliata, Vice President for Student and Community Affairs at BCC.

Friday night at 8 p.m. there will be three bands performing in the Baldwin Gym. Tripphammer, Box of Rain, and Mona Lott and the Lovedogs will be among those performing. "There will be something for every age group at one time or another during the weekend," said Quagliata. Admission to the concert will be \$2.50, and will give current students "a chance to see some excellent local bands for less than it would cost where they usually play."

Local restaurants attending include Romalo's, The Lost Dog Cafe, El Cholo's, Giovanni's, Edigan's, Lupo's, and the Spiedie and Rib Pit.

Chuck Mangione will be performing on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.50 each, and are available in the Campus Store at BCC or by calling 778-5082.

Free community education mini classes will be held in room 101 Tichener Hall on Saturday. Some classes being offered will be "Cruising the Internet" at noon, "Favorite Seaside Towns" at 1:15 p.m., and "The Murder Mystery" at 2:30 p.m.

Congratulations Broome Community College on her 50th Anniversary. This is a commemorative issue designated specifically to those 50 years. The staff of the BCC Hornet would like to thank BCC for the vision, power and integrity that each of us leave here with every year. This week we have students, staff, alumnus and community joining us to celebrate this momentous event. Each person brings with them memories and character enhancing the experience for everyone involved.

The evolution of the college is astounding. Broome Community College has provided quality educations in an ever growing array of fields. We have seen the college community grow from a primarily male population to include a minority, foreign and female based environment. Eric Beamish, reported that today there is no program on campus that does not include women. Likewise, programs such as dental hygiene and nursing now have male participants at a growing number every year.

Throughout the history of BCC students from foreign countries have contributed to the make-up of our student (continued on page 11)

body. In 1978 there were the first groups of more than fifty students, from fifteen different countries on the campus of BCC. The enrollment of foreign students has continued to grow over the years. Currently in the Fall 1996 semester there are 111 students from different countries including Korea, Japan, and Central America. These students have often been described by the staff and faculty as hardworking,



# Selling the 50th Birthday

## *Area Businesses Make Big Contribution*

by Lynsey Pavlik

For 50 years Broome Community College has been advertising itself in one way or another and this year is by no means an exception. Nineteen Ninety-Six marks the fiftieth anniversary of the college and it is celebrating in a big way.

Considering the amount of effort that has gone into the event, some students have not noticed much out of the ordinary. The biggest tip-off that something special is happening is the banners that line College Drive as well as the flower bed on the front lawn that reads "BCC 50" in bright yellow flowers.

GHS Federal Credit Union, the official bank of the college, provided the banners for B.C.C. Several of the banners carry the bank's logo. Daniel J. Lynch Construction created the flower bed that greets students on the front hill.

The birthday of B.C.C. is more than flowers and banners, it is a celebration, and many area businesses have been contributing to the party. The party, which is better known as the "Jubilee Weekend," starts Friday October 4 with area

bands in the Baldwin Gym and ends on Sunday October 6 with a championship soccer game.

During the course of the weekend there will be several activities enabling students to get to know their college as well as area restaurants, bands, and the fine and refined arts. Maine's Paper and Food Service, the Southern Tier Chapter of the New York State Restaurant Association, and BCC's Hotel Restaurant Management Program have all worked together in bringing approximately fifteen local cafes and restaurants to the Big Birthday Bash.

The organizations, including Lost Dog Cafe, Java Joe's, Lupo's, Bagels Plus, and others will set up shop in the cafeteria on Saturday October 5. For fifty cents students can sample from the business of their choice.

Of course no celebration is complete without entertainment, so Broome brings it on in heaping servings. Friday, October 4 Triphammer, Box of Rain, and Mona Lott and the Love Dogs perform in the

Baldwin Gym. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door. Saturday there will also be performances by the BCC Choir, BCC theater, and juggling by Will Strafford.

There are scores more events taking place for the Jubilee Weekend, so the question of who is funding this lavish party may come to mind. Well, it's obvious several businesses have contributed time and resources to this cause, many as a good will effort. There are establishments who were unable to contribute because of a decline in business.

Many local businesses see this celebration as a way to make friends and clients in the community. It is no coincidence that programs for the big weekend will have the logos of sponsors on the front, or that several businesses are advertised on the posters that announce the upcoming events.

Charles Quagliata, BCC's public relations man for the celebration, said that approximately \$20,000 in cash has been donated to the school for the Jubilee Weekend. He said that the goal of the school

was to make the weekend big without having to increase the school's budget. This means having several commercial names around campus.

Some will last longer than others. Pepsi-Cola provided three hundred sweatshirts to be worn by volunteers working scheduled events. The front of the shirts display the BCC 50 logo while the back boasts an advertisements for Pepsi. This is no coincidence either because the volunteers will continue to wear the sweatshirts long after the weekend passes, furthering the advertisement for Pepsi, said Quagliata.

The advertising does not stop there though. WMRV-FM, WICZ-TV, WMGC-TV and WMXW-FM are providing air time for advertising Broome's birthday. Quagliata said that 105.7 WMRV would be covering the weekend as it happened, but was unsure if any of the local television stations would make appearances.

Even after the saga of celebration has passed, the ads for BCC's birthday will continue.



**Local businesses see the 50 birthday as a way to make friends and clients in the community.**



# SUNY Guard Students to Receive Waiver

by Jason Garrett

Governor Pataki signed the New York National Guard benefit law into effect on July 31, 1996. This law awards New York Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Militia, and Marine Militia members an opportunity to earn a bachelors degree and receive a tuition waiver of up to \$3,400 per semester. The 100% tuition assistance waiver signed into law begins on January 1, 1997 for the spring 1997 college semester.

Captain Hedden, commander of headquarters company 204th Engineer battalion, commented that the tuition waiver applies to all SUNY colleges, state community colleges, and certain private schools. This is the first state-sponsored college benefit in New York state history awarded to military members. Sergeant Martin, the 204th Engineer Battalion's retention NCO (noncommissioned officer) added that any active member of the National Guard or state militia can receive this tuition benefit.

To qualify for this benefit you must be attending college and be a member of the New York National Guard or State Militia. To receive \$3,400 per semester for tuition payment and also gain \$7,100 Montgomery GI Bill paid over four years of college contact the National Guard career center for more information at (1-800-356-0552).

# The Alumnus *a fictional tale*

by Casey Goodman

He was an unfamiliar face among the hordes of people. His identity was unknown, and his "Once upon a time" status was unimportant. He looked at his past through thick bifocals, and his past marked his age.

Reluctantly he seated himself on a bench that was outlined in shade. For one fleeting second a familiar smell embraced his nostrils. It was the smell of cigar smoke. Oh...the nostalgia, how it gripped his heart and stomach. The recollection of hanging around the student center with Buddy and Dave. Long stories clenched between their teeth, laughing heartily about events that had taken place.

"Charlie," his friends would yell, "what are we going to do this weekend?" Or, "Charlie, how is Linda? Ha! ha! ha!" Linda was another part of Charlie's past. She too had burned away, much

like his original Alma Mater. Now as he looked at the cemented pathways that crept up to the large brick buildings, he felt he should have never come. His history lay in the rubble that no one cared about. No one but him.

So much had changed. He knew it would, but he had hoped that some things would have stayed the same. The kids of the campus now, debated about equal rights, environmental issues, and politics. In his day the kids shouted about little, if anything at all. "And the clothes," Charlie thought. In my day we wore sweaters, slacks and a pair of nice shoes. But these kids, it's all that and more.

Finally, after sneering at the thought, he felt badly for looking at the young generation through skeptical eyes. "Maybe I'm just a jealous old fool" he said. These kids are no different from me. They're here for the same

reason I was: to make something of themselves.

As Charlie slowly rose from the bench to leave, he was stopped in his tracks by something he heard. It was kind of faint, but as he turned his head toward the student center he knew exactly what it was. His eyes focused on the images of Buddy, Dave, and bless her soul, Linda. Charlie couldn't believe it. It had been years. Now with the ease of years past, he made his way to them and embraced them with all his love. Tears of joy streamed from their eyes and a feeling of supreme happiness melted over them. Then, just like always, Dave removed three cigars from his pocket and passed them round. Linda moved closer to Charlie and he could smell the sweet perfume that had captivated him so many years ago.

"Come on," said Buddy, "let's show these kids this is our anniversary too."

Charlie heaved a sigh of relief. The school may be in a different place, and the kids may be a little more outrageous than they were, "But" he said, looking down at his friends, "it's still the same old BCC." "Let's go Charlie, times a wastin'," said Dave. Charlie joined his friends and the four of them, linked arm in arm, disappeared into the crowd where a glimpse of the past could be touched by the brightness of the future.

# WWII Veterans, Some Of First to Enroll

by Adam Pospisil

In 1947, if you were a student at the Institute of Applied Arts and Science (now known as Broome Community College), chances are you were a World War II veteran. The majority of the students who enrolled during the first year were veterans. After serving their country many veterans were dedicated to finding higher education.

Each eligible, qualified veteran was given admission to the institute through government assistance. This assistance, otherwise known as the G.I. Bill, made a major contribution.

There were only a few curricula available to the students at that time. Men were likely to chose Mechanical, Electrical or Chemical Engineering. Women were mostly involved in the Medical field of study. Each student was encouraged to complete a strict twenty-one credit quarterly semester that spanned eleven months of the year.

According to William Dervay, a graduate of the institute, the students were disciplined and highly motivated. Some of the students were involved in co-op programs through IBM and Endicott Johnson. Like many families in the Southern Tier, Dervay and all of his children began their education at Broome Community College.

A well known figure to the institute, Dick Baldwin was the physical education instructor at the time. Although he was liked by the students, many of the veterans were sceptical of completing calisthenics.

The 140 veterans who were graduated proved to be consistant and highly intelligent students. The New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Science gave these veterans the educational program that was needed to make adjustments to technical employment and a well deserved civil life.

Many can say that they fought to allow their county to remain a free nation and in many cases freed their minds to lead a fruitful life.



In 1947, WWII veterans made up a significant proportion of Broome







BBB DANCE



BLUE JEANS 9:00 TO 12:00  
DONATIONS 25¢ DEC 1  
FOR UNIFORMS THURS



## MEMORIES

CHRISTMAS  
DANCE



DEC. 15 GRAB BAG  
STATE TECH. 8:00-12:00



1946

NY Gov. Dewey appoints  
Board of Trustees of  
Institute of Applied Arts  
and Sciences at Bing.

1948

385 students

1945

1945

NYS Regents Plan for  
Postwar Education  
recognizes educational  
demands of returning  
veterans

1947

Oct. 1-Official opening  
of the institute at State  
Armory. 215 Students-  
Tuition Free

1949

Sept. 23-First commencement  
exercise. 139 grads

1949





1951  
Fire destroys  
State Tech Armory  
building

1954  
BCTI decides to build  
new campus on Upper  
Front Street

1958  
Commencement exercise  
(159 grads) first held  
on new campus

1953  
College now Broome  
County Technical  
Institute

1956  
Name changed to  
Broome Technical  
Community College

1950

1959





The most volatile component of the educational system and the one for whom the system exists is the student. It is here that the success or failure of the educational system will be felt.

It is not so much a quantity of knowledge, as an attitude toward knowledge that it is important to foster. Education does not stop with graduation; a capacity and desire for continued growth must be present. This capacity and desire is basic to a questioning attitude.

It is important that the student develop a sense of responsibility. He must hold no one in awe, he must accept nothing blindly, he must compromise his principles for no one if he is to find himself and maintain that grip.



1962  
Liberal Arts curriculum established, awards associate in arts degree

1966  
Campus dress code controversy. Demonstration held, led by women angry that slacks are forbidden on campus

1964  
Enrollment now 2700. Students begin to grumble about campus parking

1968  
Dr. Henry Kissinger speaks at convocation in January

1960

1969



# THE UNION



Union Pianist



The Union's Third Birthday



Ping Pong at the Union



Manager's Favorite Pastime



Union Supervisor, R. Bruce MacGregor



Mrs. Snover - Early as Usual.



1971  
BTCC becomes Broome Community College

1975  
4753 students now enrolled

1979  
New Learning Skills Center established

1970

1972  
Faculty strike narrowly averted after arguments over wages and faculty autonomy

1974  
BCC Players drama group led by Angelo Zuccolo perform in Norway in March

1979





# FUN TIMES AT BROOME

1982

Doroty Darien, 74, becomes oldest graduate of BCC.

1985

BCC changed forever as NYS drinking age raised from 19 to 21

1987

Feb. 14 Basketball Coach Dick Baldwin wins 877th game becoming winningest college coach

1980

1983

High point of student enrollment: 7132

1986

Communication and Media Arts programs started in spring

1989





1991

BCC sponsors series of discussions on the Gulf War. Several students leave class responding to Reserve call-ups

1994

Newly rebuilt Titchener Hall reopens on Nov. 20

Broome  
Community  
College

1996

State University of New York

50  
years

1999

1992

NYS Governor Mario Cuomo visits campus

1995

Construction begins on Decker Health Science Center



# Over time, women increase presence on campus

By Carol Meyers-Pancoast  
Mary Jayne Westbrook graduated in 1950 from New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, now known as Broome Community College. After graduating from Johnson City High School she dreamed of going away to college, but her brother was already away at college. Her father suggested she attend local college where there was free tuition and expenses were limited to books and student activity fees.

Westbrook said she enrolled in the Medical Office Assistant program for "no particular reason," and with no specific career goal. Although there were only five programs offered, Westbrook said she was not bothered by the limited selection.

At the time Westbrook was attending the Insti-

tute she recalls more men than women attending. Almost all the men were enrolled in the electrical, chemical and mechanical programs. Upon graduating the males were recruited by large industries and most aquired well paying jobs. After graduation Westbrook was employed in a doctor's office for one year before marrying and moving out of town for her husband's job. She did not return to work for 21 years, after the youngest of their seven children was in college.

Westbrook's educational experience and opportunities were not unique for women of her time. In the first graduating class in 1949 were 140 seniors, 28 of which were women. That year, 22 of the women were enrolled in the Medical Office Assistance Program, five in the

Technical Office Assistant Program and one in Chemical Technology. The

accepted for women to be in higher education? How did women progress



Women now make up a majority of BCC students.

majority of the men were in chemical, electrical and mechanical technologies.

This fall at B.C.C. there are a total of 5,253 enrolled students of which 3,019 are women. There is not a program offered at B.C.C. in which women are not enrolled. Office Technologies is the only program in which no men are enrolled.

Women now out number men in college. There is not a field of study that women are not pursuing. Was it always so readily

from the era of Mary Jayne Westbrook to the present?

Public education was not fostered for women in this scountry until the mid 1700's. In 1819 Emma Willard lobbied the New York State Legislature to open a secondary school for women but was denied. The town council of Troy, N.Y. raised \$4,000, enabling her to open the Troy Female Seminary. Other historical highlights pertaining to women's education found in the 1996 edition of, *Time Lines of American*

*Women's History* are:

1940-More girls grauduate from high school than boys.

1943-Radcliff students can attend all classes at Harvard, although they do not receive Harvard degrees until 1963.

1950-Harvard Law School admits its first 12 women.

1991-Neurosurgeon, Frances Conley, resigns from Stanford University Medical School to protest sexual harassment at the school. She returns when the school adopts procedures to deal with the problem.

1992-The Supreme Court rules that students can claim damages for sexual harassment as a form sex descrimination banned by Title IX.

1991-92-Studies come out to raise the question if boys are being encouraged by teachers more than girls, and the effect this is having in the self-esteem of girls.

*The Fact Book on Women in Higher Education*, says the 1960s and 1970s were vitally important decades for women in higher education due largely to the impe-

tus generated by federal, state and local legislation and regulations, aggressive policies created to promote nondescrimination, and equity advancement for women. *The Fact Book* also includes a comparison of earning for men and women: "In 1987 the median salary for men with four years of high school (\$25,394) was higher than the median salary earned by women with four years of college (\$23,406).

Women have come a long way from being denied the right to public education, entrance to colleges they choose, and pursuit of any career they desire. The challenge of women's educational career equality is still, however, not accomplished without great difficulty and court battles. With men holding the vast majority of executive and administration positions, not to mention the inequality in women's salaries, women still have a long way to go.

Contemporary B.C.C. women students have opportunity and obligation to forge new paths toward equality.

## HOROSCOPES

by Mark Moore

**Aries:** This month you will charm the wits off of someone you care deeply for. The end of the month will bring a surprise romance. But stay in tune with your feelings.

**Taurus:** This month you will run into an unexpected cash flow from an unexpected source. Your loyalty is your greatest asset. So keep that in mind when a good friend is in trouble.

**Gemini:** This month will be a breeze for you in terms of homework. Good grades will come your way easily. But keep in mind your reliability to those who care the most.

**Cancer:** This month you are very unselfish to those who need you. Try to help

someone less fortunate than you. You hate to see people suffer. A challenge comes your way, so don't back down.

**Leo:** This month you stand out in a class or group. Be cautious not to spend to much money on others. Splurging is your enemy. Try not to be arrogant to someone you look up to.

**Virgo:** This month will be a very busy one for you. But don't worry you are a very organized person. Stick to a desire that you have, it will come true with hard work.

**Libra:** Your best asset is your friendship and loyalty to your friends. You are also

there for those in need. You help end a long term fight between two of your closest friends.

**Scorpio:** You know what you want out of life so go for it. Your love life stinks, but someone watching you, possibly a secret admirer makes an attempt to talk to you, so go ahead and take a chance.

**Sagittarius:** You take a risky measure that may cost you more than just a friendship. You are a very outspoken person, so watch what you say. Take some advice from a friend, it may help you.

**Capricorn:** You discover a new friend. This may lead to more than just a friendship. Watch your back, a jealous friend wants

something you have.

**Aquarius:** A relationship with someone close may turn sour. Your love life is in a downfall. Watch out for a new turn in a job. Your finances are going to increase unexpectedly.

**Pisces:** The month will be a good one money wise. A new romance is in the future so keep your eyes open. Take the time to look into a new career.





## Remaining Sports Schedule for Fall 1996

### Men's Soccer

Sat. 10/5--Hudson Valley C.C.--Away--1 p.m.  
Tues. 10/8--Cayuga C.C. --Home--4 p.m.  
Thurs.10/10-Finger Lakes C.C. --Home--4 p.m.  
Wed. 10/16-SUNY Cobleskill --Away--4 p.m.  
Sat. 10/19-Jamestown C.C. --Away--1 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

Sat. 10/5--BCC Jubilee Tourn.--Home--12/2 p.m.  
Sun. 10/6--Broome,Corning,  
Jamestown,Niagara--Home--12/2 p.m.  
Tues. 10/8--SUNY Alfred --Away--4 p.m.  
Fri. 10/11-Keystone Jr. Coll. --Away--4 p.m.  
Thurs.10/17-Jefferson C.C. --Home--4 p.m.

### Cross Country

Sat. 10/12-Hudson Valley C.C.  
Invitational--Away--11 a.m.  
Sat. 10/19-SUNY Morrisville  
Invitational--Away--11 a.m.



## Then & Now (Cont'd from p.1)

motivated, and successful. The foreign students are always striving, and learning ways to adapt to our culture, making a great contribution to the student body of BCC. The International Student Organization (ISO) is a BCC organization\ club made up of the community, faculty, and students. This club helps the foreign students to intertwine with American students and faculty, allowing for easier adjustments to our school. By helping these students adjust to our culture, we will see more foreign students enrolling at BCC in subsequent years. The foreign population is a major step by BCC in bringing the world together.

Included in the changes that have occurred at Broome, the financial state of the surrounding community has also had a profound effect on the campus. This is most evident in the enrollment shift from part-time enrollment to full-time enrollment with the latter increasing yearly. Today we can see a significant drop in the number of part time students. In 1985 part time enrollment reached an all time high with 49.5% part time students, and in 1995 it dropped to 40.5% part time students. The decline in part-time enrollment, according to Beamish, could be directly related to both the decrease in employer support, and the current financial aid system.

The students took a stand against the financial depletion last semester, specifically, by getting petitions signed in support of the IBM Glendale project. Despite all of the changes throughout the years, BCC has always and continues to have supported the community in similar ways. For many years BCC has supported its students, faculty, and community, today we will all join together in celebrating the first 50 years.

# Occasional Flurries

by Michiel Marie Kathleen O'Rourke-Cole

It will be mostly cloudy tonight with only a chance of a passing flurry. The weather report describes my life. It's funny how something seemingly insignificant to most of the race can have a profound effect on one's train of thought. Tonight my thoughts are with my parents. So, how do I tie this in with a mundane (but rather well written, as weather reports go) statement from the National Weather Service? Bare with me, there is a connection. My father has died and my mom is dying. This is very sad and very out of place amongst my usual lists of things-to-do, my daily routines, my plans (however trivial). She's not supposed to die. We were supposed to get some very long days together and moments of uninterrupted conversation, perhaps even a vacation...just her and me somewhere warm and undisturbed by life's little events. We were to be undisturbed by the rest of our overgrown family as well. The can be rather overwhelming. I guess for another time in my life I want to be her only child.

Don't misunderstand. I truly love all of my siblings. They are a crew of some of the most surprising, innovative, fluctuating, devoted people anyone could ever proudly call their own. I guess we all feel at some time in our growing up that each one of us personally understands our mother better than any of the others. I am supposing that I am not unique in this odd sort of "onlyness." But mom and me, well, it's different for us. We truly do share a bond, not just with each other, but with them as well. I guess that's part of being the oldest. The first-born is the proverbial trail-blazer to whatever raising a child entails. Mom and I went through it all together. I skinned my knees and hands on the path we traveled as I toddled and fell through the walk of life. She removed the pebbles and smoothed the walkway for those that would follow me. Her system changed with each new personality but she found out what worked and what didn't work on me. I was not an easy trip. The next in line must have been a walk in the park in comparison. As the cliché implies, I turned out all right though.

Now, it is time for good-byes. The good-byes that come at the end of one's life--my mother's life. I pray daily that somehow she will not suffer. Even that prayer I say guardedly lest she be taken in her sleep one night when I am not there. My faith will not allow me to dwell on this any length of time, for it is out of my hands. My anger defies the very God I pray to in this twist of purpose I call acceptance. Yet here I am...cloudy tonight with only a chance of passing flurry. Small, light specks of hope shimmer thought the dark, cloudy morbidity of my brain and the deep grieving in my soul. These are the traces of hope that tell me--she knows. She knows everything about me, even those things I can't readily accept about myself. I know almost everything about her.

Children must know their beginnings are in the depths of their mothers beings and she is in them. This is the hallowed voice of joy that sings above the notes of overwhelming sorrow as her life passes and mine must go on.... She is mine and can never really be apart from me. This I will always have and hope to give to my own children when it is my time to die. I love you, Mom.

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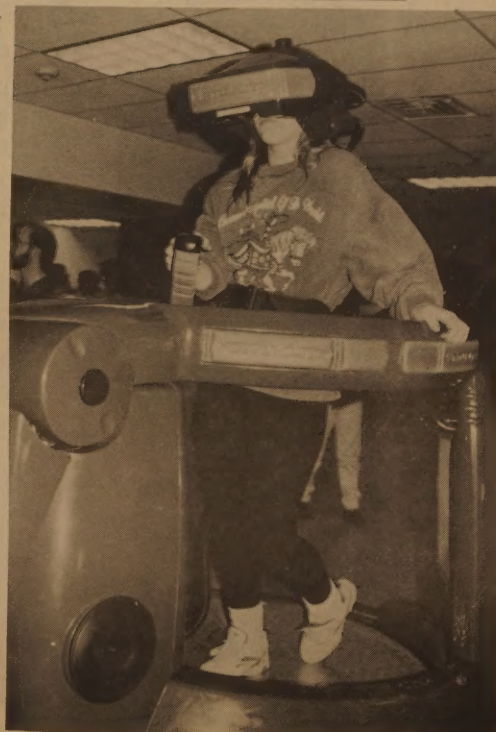
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# The Future of the Community College

by Michael Vivian

*[This is the first of what we hope will be a series of installments dealing with the future of the community college.]*

The world around us is changing at what could reasonably be termed a breakneck pace. The advent of instantaneous communication and information systems such as the Internet, and the availability of the means to access them should give all of us reason enough to pause and consider the impact of these new technologies on our society and the way we do things. One of the areas that is largely affected by progressive change in information availability is the educational system.

At the same time, we see more and more competition for public dollars and less willingness by government to impose additional costs on the taxpayer. The resulting crunch hits particularly hard within systems traditionally dependent on heavy funding from government sources for their survival.

The state college and the community college are most certainly affected by fluctuation in funding available from the government. The combination of rapid development of information through private commercial sources and the scarcity of government money may signal a need to

overhaul the community college system.

The reality is that the information superhighway is sprouting on-ramps at a rapid pace and allowing for access on an ever-increasing basis. Couple this reality with the fact that learning will be in great demand because of the information explosion, and you get a recipe for competition to provide learning services.

In an article ominously titled "The End of Community Colleges," Bruce Leslie, Chancellor of Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges, says that the current community college system is not prepared to meet this challenge.

According to Leslie, the hurdles that community colleges face include struggles for public funds, limited ability to increase tuition, increased competition for federal funds, and a formidable list of competitive organizations. Furthermore, these organizations are poised to take advantage of the advent of distance learning to deliver instruction, training, and learning within the community college's traditionally "protected" service area.

The growth of information technology is assured. As more people sign on to access the existing pipelines to the information networks, private providers are

spending money to make availability possible in more areas.

In an article from the *Community College Journal* of August/September 1996, Nigel Paine, chief executive of the Scottish Council for Educational Technology in Glasgow, says "If I can bring the best people in the world onto my desktop or TV screen when I choose, why would I wish to travel (even relatively short distances) to listen to someone who is patently not the best in the world." This is a realistic scenario and it is not too far into the future to be considered a force to be reckoned with right now.

On the other hand, are the doomsayers condemning the current community college system prematurely? Some of the people who would be most affected by all this speculation say yes.

When asked if she thought this wave of the technological future would take the place of attending school in a campus setting, Lorraine Stark, a student at B.C.C., said she hated the idea of not interacting with teachers and students on a personal, face-to-face basis. "That just seems so cold and distant," she said. "I wouldn't want to be in a room with just a computer screen to talk to. I'd miss the personal touch of being around other people."

Doug Garner, head of B.C.C.'s history and social sciences

department, agrees. He wonders whether the experience of interaction between teacher and student could be replicated by the "virtual classroom."

He points out that he uses a lot of work groups in classes and encourages his students to work in groups outside the classroom. "People learn from each other also, not just from some person standing in front of them and giving them information." He also feels that the college serves as more than a learning ground for employers to pick their workers from.

Garner also wonders whether the B.C.C. experience sends students out better equipped to practice the uniquely human qualities of reflection and introspection. The practical education that leads to employment is not the only important function of the college, according to Garner. Civic learning and providing an opportunity for a civic forum are also significant functions that should be encompassed by the mission of the college.

Garner points to the forum held on campus several years ago concerning the incinerator question in Broome County as an example of what the college can accomplish in the civic arena. The forum was heavily attended and brought the people of the county and its leaders together in a campus environment.

It was an event that students surely took note of and possibly learned from.

So we see that there are a number of differing views concerning the future of the community college. There are experts telling us that extinction of these institutions is imminent unless wholesale changes take place, and soon. They use the argument that if one is not on the expressway into the information age, one will be lost and become useless.

On the other side we have teachers and students who feel that nothing in foreseeable future can replace the classroom and campus experience. Their argument is based in human values that one cannot receive from hardware or images on a screen.



The future of the community college? Newer buildings and tighter parking.

## Campus Clubs & Organizations

This is a listing of all the clubs available this semester. For further information dial 778- and then the number following the name of the organization.

Alpha Beta Gamma (5008); BASIC (5534); BCC Destinations (5263); Black Student Union (5084); Broome Early Childhood Association (5029); Campus Bible Fellowship (5033); Chemistry Club (5155); Chess Club (5417, 5274, 5331); CHI ALPHA (5206); Civil Engineering Club (5079); Colleg Choir (5326); Collegiate Secretaries Int'l (5137, 5136); Communication Curriculum Club (5101); Computer Club (5166); Criminal Justice Student Association (5093); Dental Hygiene Association (5393); Differently Abled Student Association (5234); Ecology Club (5214); Fine Art & Design (5315, 5321); Health Information Technology (5063); help Educate Loving Parents (5350); I.E.E.E. (5017, 5122); International Students Organization (5318); Lambda Society (5165); Latino Chi Alpha (5413); Lively Arts Club (5075); Medical Assistants Club (5017); Music Association (5323); Newman Association (5033); Outing Club (5305); Over 35 Club (5033); Phi Theta Kappa (5085, 5413); Physical Therapy Club (5211); Political Science Club (5224); Quality Control (5275); Radiological Club (5069); Restaurant Association (5171); Ski Club (5004); SME Club (5129); Storytellers (5352); Student Calculator Network (5041); Student Nurses Association (5059); Vietnamese Student Club (5311, 5132)

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